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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

- 1.) Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2.) Form PTO-1449, including 6 documents;
- 3.) Copy of the International Search Report from PCT/US04/001520; and
- 4.) Return Postcard.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter to Deposit account No. 08-0219.

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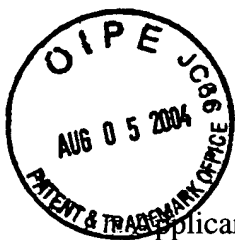
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Commissioner:

Applicant and their legal representatives hereby make of record on the attached PTO Form-1449 the following publications, which are known to them and considered warranting disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of each of these publications are enclosed.

Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the publications were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application No. PCT/US04/001520. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material to patentability or that the listed documents are prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

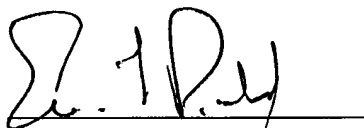
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper; therefore, no fees are believed to be due.

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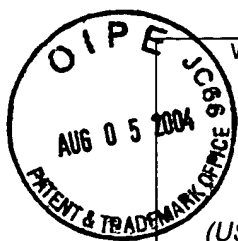
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Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
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